



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

IKESUE et al. Confirmation No.: 1480  
Serial No.: 10/557,611 Group Art Unit: 1618  
Filed: November 22, 2005 Examiner: WESTERBERG, Nissa M.  
For: **PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL PERCUTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION  
CONTAINING NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG AND  
INTERLEUKIN-1 ALPHA PRODUCTION INHIBITOR**

***RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT***

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper, along with a request for continued examination, is submitted in the above-identified application responsive to the final Official Action dated January 15, 2009. The three month shortened statutory period for response expires April 15, 2009. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

A **Conclusion** appears on page 12 of this paper.